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Hardy garden FAVORITES



Van Leer & Company



AFTER ALL, what is more delightful than a garden path bordered with old-fashioned flowers, which give an ever-changing display.



Garden Planning and Construction

FOR the enduring success of a garden, good planning, inspired by imagination and directed by experience, is the only sure foundation.

In order that we may meet all requirements of our customers in this respect, we have established a well-equipped *landscape department*, headed by our Mr. Van Laar, who has devoted much time to the study of the construction of all types of gardens.

Whether you wish just a hardy border or an elaborate formal garden or rockery, we are prepared to serve you and will gladly prepare plans and estimates or furnish advice.

VAN LAAR & COMPANY

615 Blue Hills Avenue
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

General Directions to Customers

Ordering

Please order as early as possible, as it will enable us to make early deliveries and give our customers greater satisfaction.

Forwarding

Shipments are made by express or parcel post, all carrying charges to be paid by customers. Orders from residents of Hartford and immediate vicinity will be delivered free of charge. We make no charge for packing.

Guarantee

We guarantee all plants to be true to name, and if by mistake, they should prove not to be so, we will gladly replace them. We ship only strong, healthy plants, but as we have no control over the stock after it leaves our nurseries we cannot guarantee the growth of the plants unless planted by our landscape department, in which case we replace all plants that have died during the first season.

Terms

If we have never had the pleasure of doing business with you before, it is but natural that we ask for cash with order, or satisfactory references, upon which we gladly extend credit for thirty days.

VAN LAAR & COMPANY

A Few Hints on the Use of Hardy Perennials

We wish to say a few words about the use of hardy plants for the benefit of our friends, who perhaps, are not fully acquainted with this class of plants.

Whether planning a border or a large garden, care should be taken that not too many varieties are chosen. A few varieties, selected with care as to their flowering period, color and foliage, will give a far more pleasing result.

When selecting your plants choose them so that flowers may be had during every month of the season, beginning with April and continuing until frost.

For the very small garden, select early flowering varieties and plant a few annuals between them for summer flowering.

Hardy plants will thrive in almost any kind of soil, though the best results may be expected from well-drained, rich, garden soil.

All perennials may be planted in the spring, but early fall is also an ideal time, with the exception of a few of the tender varieties. Fall planting will usually give better results the first season.

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Hardy Perennials and Alpine Plants

All plants, 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz., except as otherwise priced.

Six plants of one variety supplied at dozen rate. Special prices on large quantities furnished upon request.

Plants marked (*) are particularly adapted for rock gardens.

ACHILLEA millefolium, Cerise Queen. Finely cut foliage, cerise flowers in compact heads. 2 ft. June to September.

ptarmica, Boule de Neige. Double, pure white flowers, excellent for massing and cutting. 1½ to 2 ft. June to October.

ptarmica, Perrys White. Double, pure white flowers in clusters; splendid for massing and decorating purposes. 2 ft. June to October.

* **tomentosa.** Bright yellow flowers. 6 to 8 in. July to September. Excellent for rockeries.

ACONITUM fisheri. A fine hardy plant, with dark blue flowers. 2 ft. September, October. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Sparks Variety. Grows 4 to 5 ft. tall, with dark blue flowers during July. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

***ADONIS amurensis.** A beautiful, early, spring-flowering plant, with pretty, finely-cut foliage and yellow flowers. April. 10 in. 75c. each.

***AETHEONEMA grandiflorum** (Persian Candytuft). One of our best rock plants, resembling the iberis in growth, with light foliage, and clusters of rosy-lilac flowers in June. 9 in. 40c. each, \$4.00 per doz.

AGROSTEMMA coronaria. Bright crimson flowers. June, July. 2 ft. **flosjovis.** Deep pink flowers. June, July. 2 ft.

***AJUGA reptans.** Of compact growth, with blue flowers; fine for shady places. May, June.

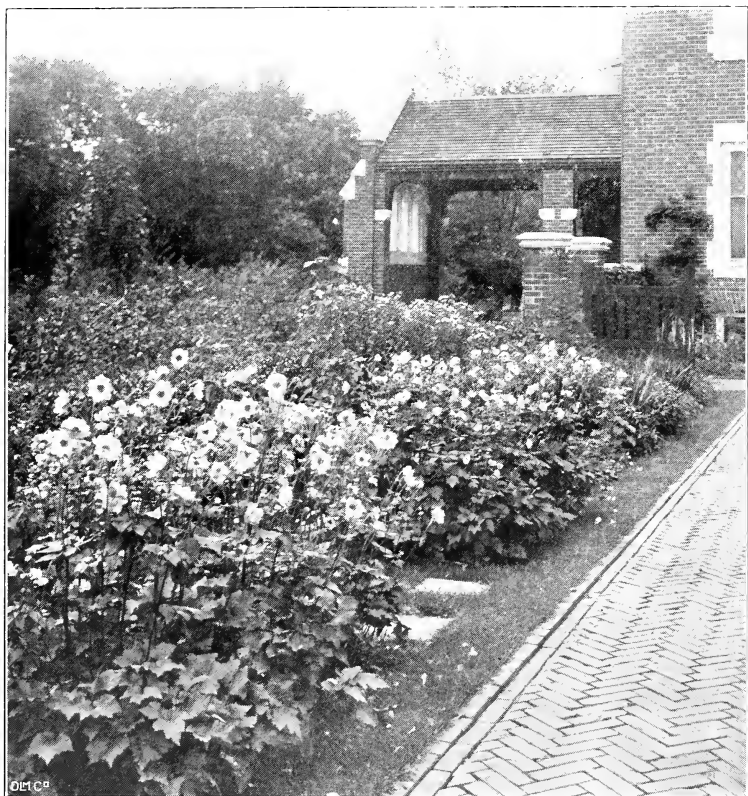
ALTHAEA rosea (Hollyhock). Double; in separate colors. Single, in mixed colors only.

***ALYSSUM rostratum.** A good rock plant, with heads of yellow flowers. 1 ft. June, July.

saxatile compactum. Fine for the rock garden, with masses of yellow flowers. 1 ft. April, May.

ANCHUSA italica, Dropmore. Beautiful gentian-blue flowers. 4 ft. May, June.

* **myosotidiflora.** A very unusual plant unlike the other anchusas. Dwarf growth, with forget-me-not-like flowers in May and June. 1 ft. 50c. each.



Japanese Anemones are our finest fall flowering plants

Hardy Perennials and Alpine Plants—Continued

ANEMONE japonica. Flowers from August until frost. One of the best hardy plants, excellent for cutting. 3 to 4 ft.

japonica alba. White.

japonica, Prince Henry. Deep pink.

japonica, Whirlwind. Double, white.

japonica huphensis. Mauve-rose, dwarf. Early-flowering.

- * **sylvestris.** Fine for cool, moist corners of the rock garden or border. Large, white flowers on stems about 12 in. tall. May, June. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

ANTHEMIS tinctoria kelwayi. Yellow; fine for cutting. 2 ft. June to October.

- * **AQUILEGIA canadensis** (Columbine). The bright red and yellow native variety.

caerulea. Blue and white, long-spurred flowers. 2 ft. May, June.

chrysantha. Yellow, long-spurred flowers.

nivea grandiflora. A robust-growing, pure white variety.

Long-spurred hybrids. A strain of long-spurred flowers in many beautiful colors.

- * **ARABIS alpina.** Pure white flowers; fine for the rock garden. 6 in. April, May.

- * **alpina flore pleno.** A double-flowering variety. Much showier than the single form, and remains in flower a longer period. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Hardy Perennials and Alpine Plants—Continued

***ARENARIA laricifolia.** A creeping plant for the rock garden or dry wall. Flowers white. April, May.

***ARMERIA maritima.** Low, tufted plants with pink flowers, on stems 8 in. high. May, June.

* **maritima alba.** A pure white-flowering variety.

ARTEMISIA lactiflora. A new, hardy plant growing 4 ft. tall, with creamy-white flowers in September. Very fragrant and showy.

ASCLEPIAS tuberosa. Orange-colored flowers. 2 ft. August, September. A fine, hardy plant.

***ASPERULA odorata.** A pretty, scented herb, with numerous white flowers in May. 6 to 8 in. tall.

***ASTER alpinus.** Indispensable for use in the rock garden or front of border. Grows 6 to 8 in. high and bears large, showy, blue flowers in May and June.

* **alpinus albus.** A white-flowering form of the above.

Climax. Covered with lavender-blue flowers in September and October. 4 ft.

Climax, White. Like Climax, with pure white flowers.

Mrs. F. W. Raynor Large, rich, rosy-crimson flowers in September and October. 4 ft.

Feltham Blue. With large, aniline-blue flowers; very free. September and October. 5 ft.

Lutetia. Completely covered with lilac-rose flowers from late August until October. 2 ft.

St. Egwin. A beautiful, pink-flowering aster. Very showy during September. 3-4 ft.

* **subcaeruleus.** This variety grows 12 in. high and bears in June and July, bluish-violet flowers 3 in. in diameter.

ASTILBE (Spiraea). Producing graceful, feathered heads of flowers during late June and July. Useful for cutting. Pink and white. 2 to 2½ ft. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.

***AUBRIETIA** (False Wallress). Pretty, dwarf-growing plants suitable for dry walls or the rock garden, and producing quantities of vari-colored flowers in early spring.

BAPTISIA australis. Dark blue, pea-shaped flowers in June. Very attractive foliage. 2 to 2½ ft.

BLEEDINGHEART. (See **Dielytra**.)

***BELLIS perennis** (English Daisy). An early, spring-flowering bi-annual, suitable for edging flower beds or planting in beds, when later-blooming annuals are to be planted.

BOLTONIA asteroides. Aster-like, white flowers in August and September. 4 to 5 ft.

latisquama. Pink flowers. 3 to 4 ft.

***CAMPANULA carpatica.** Blue, cup-shaped flowers. Fine for the rockery or border. 9 in. July, August.

* **carpatica alba.** A white form of the preceding.

glomerata. Violet-purple flowers in clusters. 1½ ft. June, July.

latifolia macrantha. Purple flowers. 3 ft. June, July.

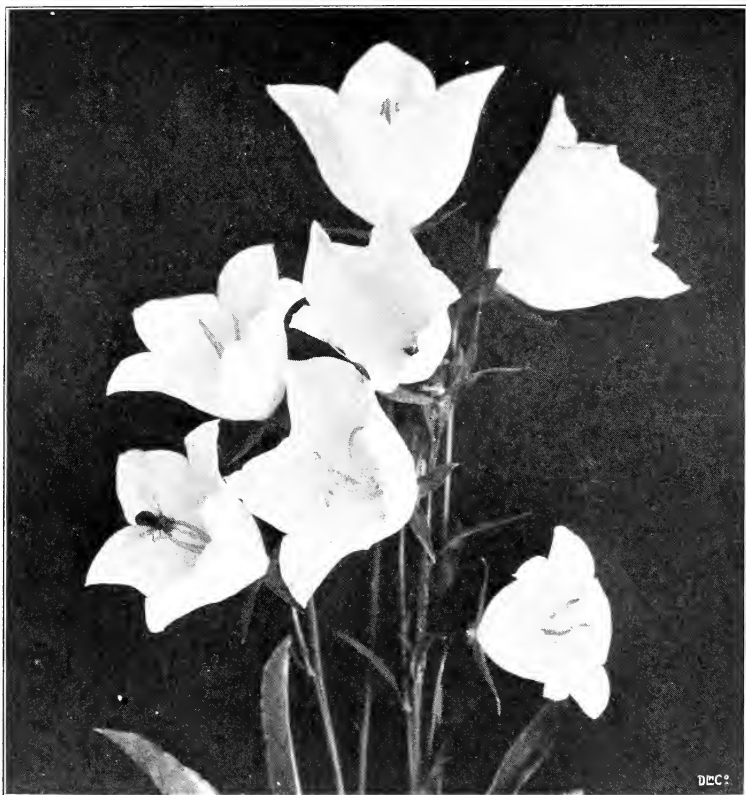
medium (Canterbury-bell). In blue, pink, and white; separate.

persicifolia (Peachbells). A beautiful, hardy plant, with pretty bell-shaped flowers on graceful stems. 2 ft. June.

persicifolia alba. A pure, white-flowering variety.

CARYOPTERIS mastacanthus (Blue Spiraea). A handsome, hardy perennial, growing about 3 ft. high, and producing rich, lavender-blue flowers in great profusion. Blooms continuously from early September until frost. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

CASSIA marilandica. Yellow flowers. 5 to 6 ft. July, August. Good for the front of a shrubby border or wild garden.



Campanula persicifolia alba. (See page 6.)

Hardy Perennials and Alpine Plants—Continued

CENTAUREA dealbata. Pink flowers. 1½ ft. July, August.

macrocephala. Thistle-like yellow flowers. 3 ft. July, August.

montana (Bachelor Button). Blue. 2 ft. June to September.

***CERASTIUM tomentosum.** Silvery foliage and white flowers during May and June. Creeping.

CHELONE lyoni. Purplish-red flowers. 2 to 3 ft. August, September.

***CHRYSANTHEMUM arcticum.** This is a perfect gem among fall-flowering perennials. Covered with pure white flowers 2 in. in diameter, from late September throughout October. Splendid for the rock garden.

leucanthemum (Shasta Daisy). Large white flowers. June, July.

leucanthemum flore pleno (Double White Shasta Daisy). A beautiful, hardy perennial, both for the garden and for cutting. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Hardy Pompon. Separate colors.

COLUMBINE. (See *Aquilegia*.)

COREOPSIS lanceolata grandiflora. Golden yellow flowers; invaluable for cutting. 2 ft. June to October.

***DAPHNE cneorum.** An evergreen plant of spreading habit, covered with fragrant, bright pink flowers in May, and again during the summer. Strong plants, 50c. to \$1.00 each.



Delphinium, the most stately of all hardy perennials

Hardy Perennial and Alpine Plants—Continued

DELPHINIUM (Larkspur). No garden is complete without this beautiful hardy plant.

belladonna. Sky-blue flowers; very free blooming. 3 ft. June to October.

chinense. A pretty dwarf variety, with dark blue flowers. 2 ft. June to October.

chinense alba. A white variety.

Blue Hills Hybrids. This is a very choice strain, ranging from dark to light blue, including single and double flowers.

***DIANTHUS alwoodi.** This is a new hardy pink, flowering from May until frost. Flowers larger than those of the old type and the stems long, making them useful for cut flowers.

Harold. Double; white.

Jean. Double; white, crimson center.

Mary. Double; pink, maroon center.

Robert. Single; rose, maroon center.

Strong plants, 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

barbatus (Sweet-william). In separate colors.

barbatus, Newport Pink. A new salmon-pink.

* **deltoides, Brilliant** (Maiden Pink). This is an improvement of the common *D. deltoides*, being of a more brilliant color. Deep crimson. 6 in.

* **deltoides albus.** White.

* **plumarius** (Hardy Pink). Double and single mixed.

***DIANTHUS caesius hybrids.** A very pretty, tufted little plant for the rockery. Unlike most plants of this type, it will not decay nor damp-off at the center during wet weather. Flowers vary from light to bright pink, completely covering the plants in early May. Strong plants, 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

DIELYTRA spectabilis (Bleedingheart). This old-fashioned favorite needs no introduction and should be in every garden. 50c. each, \$5.00 per doz.

formosa. A dwarf-growing sort, with finely-cut foliage and showy pink flowers during the entire summer. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Hardy Perennial and Alpine Plants—Continued

DICTAMNUS fraxinella alba (Gasplant). One of the most satisfactory hardy plants, both on account of its beautiful white flowers, and its rich, lasting foliage.

fraxinella rubra. A rose-pink variety. Both varieties. 60c. each, \$6.00 per doz.

DIGITALIS purpurea gloxiniaeflora (Foxglove). A stately plant and no old-fashioned garden is complete without them. 3 ft. June.

grandiflora. A variety with yellow flowers not growing as tall as the preceding.

DORONICUM plantagineum excelsum. Large yellow, marguerite-like flowers; very striking. 2 ft. May, June. 50c. each, \$5.00 per doz.

ECHINACEA purpurea. A very interesting hardy plant, with reddish-purple flowers. 3 to 4 ft. July, August.

ECHINOPS ritro (Globe-thistle). Globular heads of metallic-blue flowers. Useful for dried bouquets. 3 ft. July, August.

ERIGERON speciosus. Large, aster-like, purple-blue flowers. 2 ft. June, July.

ERYNGIUM amethystinum. Thistle-like blue flowers which can be dried for winter bouquets. 2 to 3 ft. July to September.

planum. Deep blue cones.

EUPATORIUM ageratoides. Grows from 3 to 4 ft. tall and produces masses of white, ageratum-like flowers during September. Splendid for cutting.

coelestinum. A fine plant with blue flowers in profusion, not unlike the ageratum. Splendid for cutting. 2 ft. August to October.

***EUPHORBIA polychroma.** A beautiful, hardy plant either for the border or rock garden. Bracts of showy yellow flowers early in May. A very interesting and ornamental plant. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.

***FERNS** (Hardy varieties). Plant in a light soil, adding leafmold, and in a moist, shady place. They are especially attractive in the rock garden. We offer the following varieties:

Adiantum pedatum (Hardy Maidenhair Fern).

Aspidium acrostichoides (Wood Fern). An evergreen species with deep green fronds.

Asplenium filixfemina (Lady Fern). Grows in shade or sun.

Dicksonia punctilobula (Hay-scented Fern). Sun or shade.

Onoclea sensibilis (Sensitive Fern).

Osmunda claytoniana (Interrupted Fern).

Woodsia obtusa (Blunt Woodsia).

Botrychium virginianum (Rattlesnake Fern).



For shady places ferns are invaluable

Hardy Perennial and Alpine Plants—Continued

FOXGLOVE. (See *Digitalis*.)

FUNKIA subcordata grandiflora. Light green foliage and beautiful pure white, lily-like flowers in August and September.

undulata variegata. For edging. Has variegated foliage and blue flowers on spikes. 1½ ft.

GAILLARDIA grandiflora. This variety is invaluable for cutting; blooms throughout the entire summer. 1½ to 2 ft.

***GENTIANA andrewsi** (Closed Gentian). Has fine blue flowers which never open. Late summer and autumn. 1½ ft.

***GERANIUM sanguineum.** A desirable plant with pretty cut foliage and crimson flowers in June and July. 1½ ft.

***GEUM coccineum, Mrs. Bradshaw.** Double dark red flowers. Blooms the greater part of the summer. 1½ ft.

GYPSOPHILA paniculata (Babysbreath). Sprays of small white flowers. Very useful for bouquets. 2 to 3 ft. June, July.

* **repens.** Creeping variety, small white flowers; useful for rock garden.

HELENIUM autumnale. A fine, hardy border plant with yellow flowers during late summer and fall. 3 to 4 ft.

Riverton Beauty. Rich lemon-yellow, with purplish-black cone. 4 ft. August, September. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.

Riverton Gem. Old-gold, changing to wallflower-red. 3½ ft. August, September. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.

***HELIANTHEMUM mutabile.** A little evergreen plant, covered with flowers of various shades. 8 in. May, June.

HELIANTHUS mollis (Hardy Sunflower). 5 ft. August, September.

HELIOPSIS pitcheriana. Deep golden yellow flowers throughout the summer. 3 to 4 ft.

HEMEROCALLIS flava (Lemon Daylily). Large, yellow, sweet-scented flowers. 3 ft. May, June.

Florham. Large, soft yellow flowers, beautifully frilled. June.

HESPERIS matronalis. Fragrant, purple flowers, not unlike phlox. 2-3 ft. June and July.

***HEUCHERA sanguinea.** Bright crimson flowers, borne in graceful sprays. Excellent for cutting. 1½ ft. June, July.

HIBISCUS (Mallow Marvel). Large, hollyhock-like flowers in mixed colors, ranging from white to crimson. 5 to 6 ft. August, September.

HOLLYHOCK. (See *Althaea rosea*.)

***IBERIS sempervirens.** An excellent plant for the front of a border or rock garden. Has evergreen foliage and masses of white flowers. April, May.

***INULA ensifolia.** Free-flowering plants, either for the rock garden or border. Yellow. 10 in. Summer.

IRIS germanica (German Iris).

Amas. Rich violet-blue, very large flowers. 2 ft. high.

Blue Jay. Clear blue, shaded dark blue. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Candelabra. Lovely lavender-blue dotted with darker blue. Flowers are very large; a beautiful variety. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.

Caprice. Rosy-red, yellow beard. 2 ft. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.

Flavescens. A delicate shade of yellow. Large flowers. 30 in.

Her Majesty. Clear rose-pink, bright crimson falls; extra fine. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Iroquois. Smoky-lavender and maroon; fine, erect variety; tall. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.

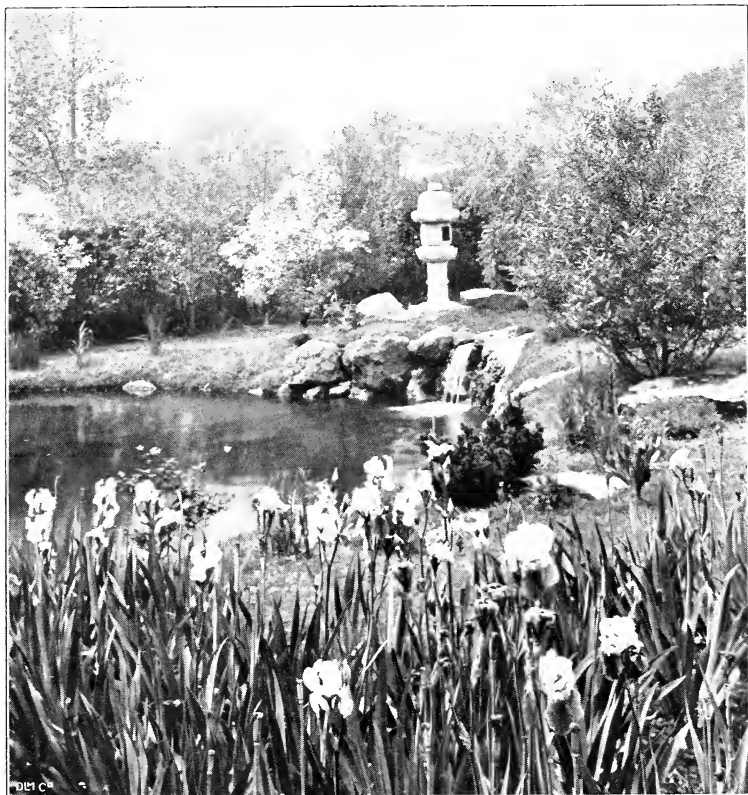
Juniata. Clear mauve to violet; a beautiful iris.

Loreley. Light yellow standards, blue falls, bordered cream.

Monsignor. Standards violet, falls screened purple.

Mme. Chereau. White, frilled with a border of clear blue.

Pallida dalmatica. This is one of the most beautiful iris, standards and falls clear lavender. 40 in. tall. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.



No plants deserve more popularity than the various species of iris

Hardy Perennial and Alpine Plants—Continued

IRIS President Thiers. A very late, tall-growing iris; standards smoke-color, falls purple.

Queen of May. Soft lilac-rose, almost pink. Tall grower.

Quaker Lady. Standards an odd shade of smoky-lavender, with shading of yellow, falls blue and old gold, beard yellow. One of the prettiest iris. 45c. each, \$4.50 per doz.

Rhein Nixe. Standards white, falls violet-blue with white edge. Large flowers and a strong grower. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Speciosa. A beautiful indigo-blue variety.

IRIS kaempferi (Japanese Iris). These bloom later than the German Iris and the flowers are of a different type. We can supply them in several colors in both single and double varieties. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

IRIS SPECIES.

- * **cristata.** A dainty creeping variety, only 3 inches high; flowers rich amethyst-blue. A gem for the rock garden. May.
 - * **Fectorum.** A species from China and Japan with crested flowers of the most beautiful blue. This variety is grown on the thatched cottage roofs in Japan. 1 ft. June. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.
 - * **pumila caerulea.** These beautiful little irises do not grow over 4 in. high, and bloom in April and May. Dark violet-blue.
 - * **pumila excelsa.** A splendid, pale lemon-yellow.
 - * **pumila Schneekuppe.** A pure white variety.
- All three varieties, 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Hardy Perennial and Alpine Plants—Continued

LIATRIS spicata (Kansas Gayfeather). Spikes of purplish-pink flowers during midsummer. The flowers can be cut and dried. The plant attracts many butterflies. 3 ft.

LILIES. There is no flower more beautiful than the lily, and although many people think they are hard to grow, they are of easy culture, and no garden is complete without a few of these beautiful flowers.

auratum (Gold-banded Lily of Japan). White, with crimson spots and golden yellow stripes through the center. 50c. each, \$5.00 per doz.

candidum (Madonna Lily). This is a beautiful, pure white lily and is particularly effective when planted with belladonna larkspur. For fall delivery only. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

speciosum album. A fine white, Japanese lily. 50c. each, \$5.00 per doz.

speciosum rubrum. Rosy white spotted with crimson. 50c. each, \$5.00 per doz.

***LINUM perenne.** A lovely plant, with fine, feathery foliage and blue and white flowers. 1½ ft. May, June.

LOBELIA cardinalis. Very showy, intense scarlet flowers. Prefers moist situation. 3 ft. July, August.

LUPINUS polyphyllus. A beautiful, hardy plant. Spikes of blue flowers. 2½ to 3 ft. May, June.

polyphyllus albus. White flowers.

polyphyllus roseus. This is the finest of the lupinus family. Soft rose flowers. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.

LYCHNIS chalcidonica. Bright scarlet flowers in clusters. An old-fashioned favorite. 3 ft. June, July.

chalcidonica, Salmon Queen. A salmon variety of lychnis.

***haageana.** Large flowers in a beautiful range of colors. 1 ft. May, June.

viscaria splendens. Clusters of crimson flowers. 1 ft. May, June.

LYSIMACHIA clethroides. A strong-growing, hardy perennial with spikes of white flowers during July. 2-3 ft.

LYTHRUM roseum superbum. Tall spikes of rosy-purple flowers. Does well in moist places. 3 to 4 ft. July, August.

MALVA moschata. Sweet-scented rose flowers. 1 to 2 ft. July to September.

moschata alba. White flowers.

***MERTENSIA virginica.** A pretty early spring-flowering plant, 1 to 1½ ft. high, with drooping panicles of light blue flowers, fading to clear pink. May.

MONARDA didyma (Beebalm). Bright red flowers. 3 ft. June to August.

didyma violacea superba. Violet-purple flowers.

***MYOSOTIS palustris.** Everblooming forget-me-not. Likes a moist situation. 15c. each, \$1.50 per doz.

***NIEREMBERGIA rivularis.** A charming dwarf, creeping alpine plant, with large, creamy white, cup-shaped flowers from June until September. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

***OENOTHERA missouriensis.** Large, yellow flowers; very attractive. 1 ft. July, August. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.

speciosa. Large white flowers. 1½ ft. August, September.

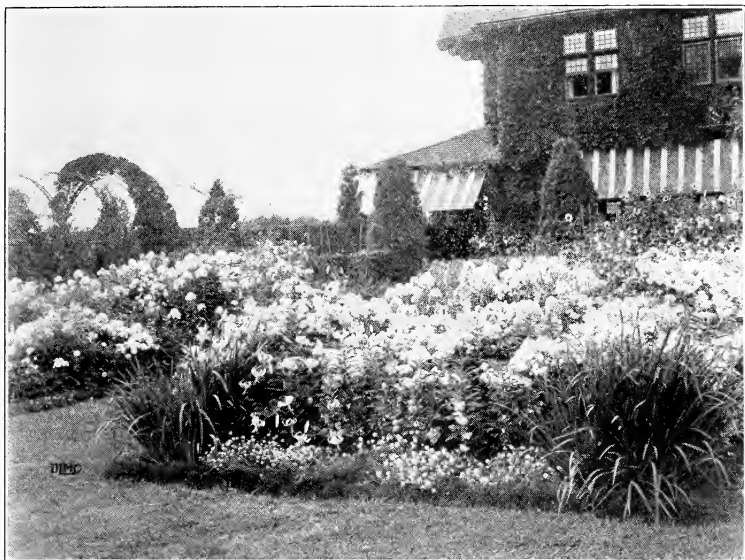
youngi. This is the common evening primrose. Lemon flowers. 2 ft. June.

PACHYSANDRA terminalis. A valuable ground cover for shady places where grass will not grow. It is evergreen and attains a height of 1 ft.

PAPAVER nudicaule (Iceland Poppy). Bears cup-shaped flowers of yellow, orange and white. May to August.

orientale. This is the large oriental poppy; mostly dark red.

orientale, Mrs. Perry. A beautiful, salmon-colored variety. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.



Phlox are among the most useful hardy plants we have

Hardy Perennial and Alpine Plants—Continued

PENTSTEMON barbatus torreyi. Tall spikes of brilliant flowers. A very charming border plant. 3 to 4 ft. June, July.

grandiflorus. A beautiful and rare hardy plant, forming spikes not unlike those of the foxglove. Flowers are lilac-mauve in color. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.

laevigatus. Spikes of purplish white flowers. 2 to 3 ft. June, July.

PEONY. We can supply these in several separate varieties and colors in both single and double forms. 50c. to \$2.00 each, according to variety and size.

* **PHLOX amoena.** Bright pink flowers. 4 to 6 in. April, May.

* **divaricata canadensis.** Large, fragrant lavender flowers. Very attractive. 1 ft. May.

* **subulata** (Moss Pink). A spreading variety which is completely covered with rose-colored flowers during April and May. Very useful for dry banks.

* **subulata alba.** A very pretty white form.

* **subulata lilacina.** Flowers are of a beautiful shade of lilac.

decussata (Tall Hardy Phlox).

B. Comte. Brilliant French-purple. The best phlox in this color. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Baron von Dedem. A very showy variety of glistening blood-red.

Comet.

Champs Elysee. Live, rich crimson.

Goliath. Carmine, crimson-red eye.

Independence. A tall, pure-white variety.

Elizabeth Campbell. Light salmon-pink. One of the best phlox. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Miss Lingard. This variety blooms a few weeks earlier than other varieties. White, with pretty glossy foliage.

R. P. Struthers. Bright, rosy-carmine, with red eye.

Rheinlander. A beautiful salmon-pink.

Jules Sandeau. A beautiful phlox, not growing over 2 ft. tall, with large, clear pink flowers. One of the best. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

Thor. A lively shade of deep salmon-pink with red eye.

W. E. Egan. Delicate lilac, with solferino eye.



A little stream makes an ideal setting for a rock garden

Hardy Perennial and Alpine Plants—Continued

PHYSOSTEGIA virginica. Strong spikes of pink and white flowers. 3 to 4 ft. July, August.

PLATYCODON grandiflorum (Balloonflower). The buds are balloon-shaped and form a cup-shaped blue flower when open. A fine hardy plant. 1½ to 2 ft. June, July.

grandiflorum album. White flowers; same as above.

***PLUMBAGO larpentae.** A dwarf spreading plant with deep blue flowers in profusion during August and September. Very attractive. 10 in.

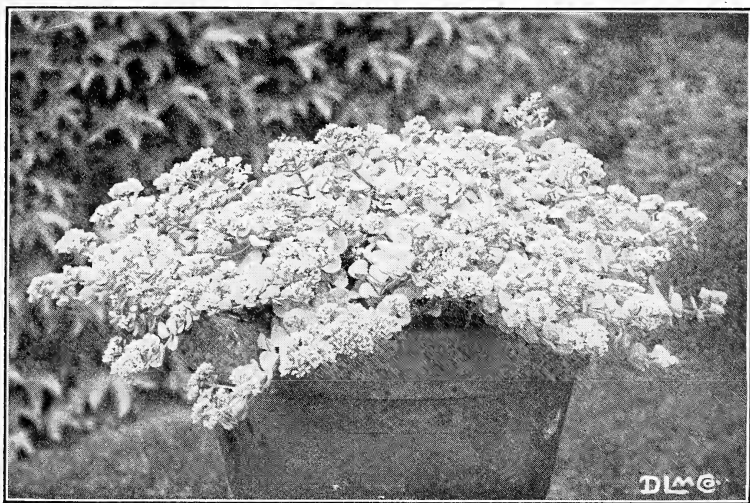
POLEMONIUM caeruleum (Jacobs-ladder). Finely cut foliage and sky-blue flowers. 2 ft. June, July.

caeruleum album. Same as above; white flowers.

* **reptans.** Blue flowers in profusion. 10 in. May, June.

Hardy Perennials and Alpine Plants—Continued

- ***POLYANTHUS, Invincible** (Giant Primrose). In many various shades, mixed. May.
- ***PRIMULA cashmeriana**. This is a beautiful and rare primrose with large, globular heads of blue flowers. Prefers a moist, semi-shady position. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.
- PYRETHRUM roseum**. This is one of the finest of hardy plants and invaluable for cutting. Daisy-like flowers in colors ranging from pure white to deep red. 2 to 3 ft. June to Sept.
- uliginosum**. Masses of white flowers; splendid for cutting. 4 to 5 ft. August, September.
- ***RANUNCULUS repens fl. pl.** (Double Buttercup). Bright golden yellow. Flowers during May and June. 1 ft.
- RUDBECKIA newmanni**. A perennial form of the black-eyed susan. 2 ft. June to October.
- triloba**. Of vigorous growth, producing an abundance of rich yellow flowers with dark cones. 4 ft. August, September.
- SALVIA azurea**. A perfectly hardy, clear, sky-blue salvia growing 3 to 4 ft. high. August and September.
- ***SATUREIA alpina**. Fine for the rockery; purple flowers and spreading habit. 6 in. June.
- ***SAXIFRAGA megasea**. Handsome foliage, flowers pink, in panicles. 1 ft. April, May.
- SCABIOSA caucasica**. Beautiful, soft blue flowers. Very useful for cutting. 2½ ft. June to August.
- caucasica alba**. A white-flowering form of the above. Both varieties. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.
- ***SAPONARIA ocymoides**. A very pretty plant of trailing habit. Pink flowers in profusion during May-June. Very valuable as a rock plant.
- * **ocymoides alba**. A white-flowering variety. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.



A specimen plant of *sedum sieboldi*

Hardy Perennials and Alpine Plants—Continued

- ***SEDUM** (Stonecrop). A valuable and interesting class of plants for the rock garden and front of border.
- * **acre.** Dark green foliage and yellow flowers in May and June. 2 to 3 in.
 - * **album.** This variety does well in the shade. Flowers white. 2 to 3 in. June.
 - * **anacampseros.** A spreading variety, with light green foliage.
 - * **kamtschaticum.** Deep green foliage and yellow flowers in profusion. Very attractive. 8 in. June, July.
 - * **sexangulare.** Very dark green foliage, yellow flowers.
 - * **sieboldi.** With beautiful foliage and rose-pink flowers during August and September. 9 in.
 - * **spectabile.** Large heads of pink flowers and light green foliage. A good border plant.
 - * **spectabile, Brilliant.** A deeper colored variety of the preceding.
 - * **spurium coccineum.** Bronzy-foliage and crimson flowers. 6 in. June.
 - * **stahli.** Of compact growth and spreading habit. Excellent for the rock garden.
 - * **sempervivum** (Houseleek, or Hen-and-chickens). A very interesting plant and a favorite of the old-fashioned garden; in several varieties.
- ***SILENE schafta.** A pretty rock plant, with masses of pink flowers from July to September. 4 to 6 in.
- SPIRAEA filipendula flore pleno.** Fern-like foliage and clusters of double white flowers. 1 to 3 ft. June, July. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.
- ***STACHYS lanata.** Soft silvery foliage and spikes of purple flowers. 1 ft. June, July.
- ***STATICE latifolia** (Sea-lavender). Fine panicles of small blue flowers in profusion. Very useful as a border plant and also for dried bouquets. 2 ft. August, September.
- ***STOKESIA cyanea.** Large blue flowers resembling asters. 1½ ft. July to October.
- SWEET-WILLIAM.** (See **Dianthus barbatus.**)

**Stokesia cyanea**

Hardy Perennials and Alpine Plants—Continued

- THERMOPSIS caroliniana.** A showy, tall-growing plant attaining a height of 3-4 ft., producing long spikes of yellow flowers during June-July. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.
- ***THYMUS citriodorus.** Lemon thyme, with purple flowers during summer. 8 in.
- * **citriodorus aureus.** Beautiful golden yellow foliage.
- * **lanuginosus** (Woolly Thyme). Woolly foliage, with bright pink flowers. An excellent rock plant. 30c. each, \$3.50 per doz.
- * **serpyllum.** Forms dense mats of dark green foliage and clouds of white flowers in June and July. Fine for rockwork.
- * **serpyllum coccineus.** Bright red flowers.
- ***TRILLIUM grandiflorum** (Wood-lily). Excellent plants for shady position. Large, pure white flowers in early spring. 12 in. 30c. each, \$3.00 per doz.
- ***TROLLIUS europaeus** (Globeflower). Very free-flowering plants, producing large, buttercup-yellow blossoms on stems about 12 in. tall from May till frost. 50c. each, \$5.00 per doz.
- THALICTRUM aquilegifolium.** Graceful foliage like that of the Columbine. Rosy-purple flowers during June. 3 ft. tall.
- TRITOMA pfitzeri** (Torchlily). A very striking plant with orange-scarlet flower-spikes. August until frost. 2 ft.
- VALERIANA officinalis** (Garden Heliotrope). Purplish flowers in showy heads during July. Very fragrant. 3 ft.
- VERONICA amethystina.** Blue flowers in June. 1½ ft.
- incana.** Silvery foliage and spikes of fine blue flowers. 1 ft. June, July.
- longifolia subsessilis.** This is the finest of all veronicas, with spikes of deep blue flowers. 2 ft. August, September.
- prostrata.** A very desirable rockplant of trailing habit, covered with light blue flowers during June. 8 in.
- * **repens.** Forms a dense carpet of pretty green foliage and is covered with light blue flowers in May. Splendid for the rock garden. 2 in.
- spicata.** Spikes of blue flowers from June to August. 2 ft.
- spicata rosea.** A pretty variety with rose-colored flowers. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.
- ***VINCA minor** (Periwinkle or Myrtle). A trailing evergreen plant for carpeting the ground in shady places where grass will not grow. Large, blue flowers during May.
- ***VIOLA cornuta** (Tufted Pansies). These plants flower during the entire summer, with small flowers resembling the pansy. In mixed colors only.
- * **cornuta, G. Wermig.** A variety of the tufted pansy, forming clumps which are covered with rich violet-blue flowers during the entire season.

Special Offer

We offer the following collections made up of varieties of our own selection. Specify whether you wish the plants for use in hardy borders or in rock gardens.

	Value	Price
12 plants in 6 varieties.....	\$3.00	\$2.50
25 plants in 5 varieties.....	5.25	4.50
50 plants in 10 varieties.....	10.50	9.00
100 plants in 10 varieties.....	22.00	17.00



Annuals for the Hardy Garden

Although we specialize in hardy plants, we also grow a good assortment of annuals, for they are invaluable for planting between the hardy plants during the summer.

We offer the following varieties at 25c. per doz., or \$2.00 per 100. Ready May 20th.

AGERATUM	CANDYTUFT	SALPIGLOSSIS
ASTER	COSMOS	SNAPDRAGON
BACHELOR BUTTON	STOCKS	EVERLASTING
CALENDULA	SWEET ALYSSUM	ZINNIA

The following annuals and bedding plants are grown in pots and vary in price according to size. Prices upon application.

AGERATUM	DRACAENA	MARGUERITE
BEGONIA	GERANIUM	PETUNIA, in variety
CANNA	HELIOTROPE	SALVIA
COLEUS	LOBELIA	SNAPDRAGONS

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Gladiolus

These popular flowers are very useful both for cutting and decorating purposes. In order to have a succession of blooms, plant a few bulbs every week, beginning late in April and continuing until June 15th.

Per doz.

America. Beautiful soft pink.....	\$.75
Baron Hulot. Violet-blue.....	1.00
Evelyn Kirtland. Rosy-pink, scarlet blotches.....	.85
Halley. Large salmon-pink.....	.75
Mrs. Francis King. Light scarlet.....	.75
Mrs. Frank Pendleton. A lovely salmon-pink with red blotches in the throat.....	.85
Niagara. Creamy-yellow, with rosy-carmine throat.....	.85
Peace. Pure white, with a touch of carmine on lower petals.....	1.00
Pink Beauty. Pink, with small, dark blotch.....	.85
Schwaben. Clear citron-yellow.....	.75
Lily White. A pure white variety.....	1.00
Splendid Mixture.65
Primulinus hybrids. A very free-flowering type of Gladiolus, with tall, slender spikes of beautiful soft colors, ranging from light yellow, through buff, apricot, to beautiful shades of orange and bright red. The colors are all soft and contain no clashing shades.....	.75



Dutch Bulbs

We are in a position to furnish the best Dutch bulbs obtainable, as our Mr. Van Laar, who is a Hollander, knows just where to obtain the finest quality of bulbs.

No garden is complete without these early, spring-flowering bulbs, for what is more beautiful than to have a display of early flowering tulips in April, or the stately Darwin tulips in their beautiful colorings during May?

We issue a price list for Dutch bulbs about June 1st, and if you wish to receive one, we shall be glad to mail it when ready, upon application.

A special discount applies on orders received before July 1st.



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